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Summary of Changes

1. The revisions to this subchapter were updated to clarify new language in implementing the death benefits legislation recently passed by Congress. Also, minor edits were done throughout the subchapter which included the removal of "Effective Date: 04-08-2001" from each CT line because the policy has been updated since then.
2. If this issuance changed less than half the words, we formatted the changed text in *dark magenta italic*. If this issuance changed more than half the words, we did not use *dark magenta italic*. The CT line in each section shows when that section last changed.
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